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Order of Service - February 25 & 26, 2017

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This I Believe

Message Pastor Jay Bruner
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One Community Away

“Show me your friends and I will show you your future.”

“A person is known by the company they keep.”

“The company we keep will keep us captive.”

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. **Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)**

A Community That Changes Everything

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people...

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

Four keys to a great community

1. Everyone has the same Daddy.

All the believers...

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

2. Everyone is committed to help each other grow up and grow stronger together.

...devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives... Col. 3:16 (NLT)

3. Everyone shares what they have with each other.

...devoted themselves...to sharing in meals...And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

4. Everyone fights for each other.

All the believers devoted themselves...and to fellowship

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay made the comment, "The company we keep will keep us captive." Do you agree or disagree? Read Acts chapter 2:46-47 and answer the following questions. Keeping in mind that this event occurred right after Christ left the earth, why do you think God felt it important to include this scene in scripture? Do you currently have a group, or community, that you are a part of? Why or why not? If you don't, what is keeping you from being a part of one? If you are a part of a community, what is that community built upon? Here is the challenge. What is one thing you can do this week to move you closer to being a part of a community that could change everything?